



2016 Year in Photo's

Thank you for all
you do!



Volunteer Consent Monitor Training

February 15-16, 2017

Robert P. Griffin Hall of Justice, Multi-Purpose Room 5:00-7:30 p.m.

The consent calendar is a diversion from the formal probation process. If it appears to the court that a juvenile engaged in conduct that would otherwise result in formal probation, the court may issue a written consent calendar case plan, in lieu of placing the youth on formal probation.

Beginning in March of 2017, volunteers will be back in the role of consent monitor's. A Volunteer Consent Monitor's (VCM) job is to assist youth in successfully completing his/her terms of the case plan. This will include checking on compliance with "Conditions" as set by the court, making regular appointments, providing support to the youth (and possibly parent) by identifying community resources and helping the youth make good choices.

Frequency of appointments with the youth will be no less than twice per month and will always take place in the Volunteer Services office.

If this program is something that sounds of interest to you, **please register** for the training by contacting the Volunteer Services office at 922-4827.

Pg. 1 photo captions, from left to right

-**Victor Dinsmoore, Diane Scrivo, Susan Bender**-ART class facilitator's.

-**Victor** and **Diane** teach five students during ART.

-**CASA volunteers** gather at the Firefly restaurant for the December meeting.

-**Lisa Niergarth**, CASA volunteer, celebrates the adoption of the little girl she advocated for, for 4 years.

-**Sue Schmidt, Katy Ramsdell, Bev Saur** speak about their volunteer experiences to a group of in-coming volunteers.

-**Karen Mauro-Doren** delivers 20 pillow cases to Child & Family Services for duffle bags that are handed out to children who have been removed from home. Karen taught youth on probation how to sew, as a community service work project. Linda Sommerville and Teri Hedrich of C&FS pictured with Karen.

-2016 **Transporter** re-fresher training.

-Lindsey, **Jane Becker**-CASA, Patty Sabin-MI CASA, **Susan Bender**-CASA, and **Brenda Knaack**-CASA at the MI CASA Conference.

-**Learning Partner volunteers** and Coordinator, Laura Shumate

January and February Birthdays

Benson Munger	Allison Shumate
Caroline Hirth	Ann Geht
Caron Alpers	Ann McPhail
Dorothy Grant	Beth Rideout
Henry Tenbrink	Diane Scrivo
Jessica Heller	Donna Thoma
Joann Carlson	Elizabeth Leden
JoEllen Evans	John Roeser
Kathleen Packer	Karen Simpson
Katy Ramsdell	Laura McVey
Maswe Hennrick	Lynn Troutman
Nancy Blazemore	Marie Hanis
Patricia Wazny	Mary DeGrazia
Renee Stout	Matthew Dohm
Russ Marshall	Matthew Service
Sandra Dwyer	Patricia Drake
	Susan McMahon
	Suzetta Sommers
	Valarie Doman
	Victor Dinsmoore

happy
birthday



Reminder: No January Meeting.

Next Meeting, Feb. 7th

Learning Partner Technology

The Learning Partners Program has purchased a Kindle electronic tablet for use in helping court-involved students. Our newly available after school learning support and our occasional day-learner juveniles (suspended from school) will be able to read school-recommended content as well as play electronic learning games and watch educational videos. It was purchased with a grant from Exxon Mobil in recognition of **Betty Leden's** volunteer service to Learning Partners.

After School and Day Learners

We will be in need of on-call volunteer support for daytime students and after school students as our program takes-off in January. The end of the first semester will highlight academic concerns for many court-involved students. If you can help high school students after school (4:00-5:00 p.m.) or during the school day (any amount of time from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), please let us know! All meetings will take place in our Volunteer Service Offices. We will still have limited opportunities for traditional Learning Partners as in-school volunteer roles for elementary-aged students, as well.



Reminder: January meeting

1/17/17

In November, CASA volunteers, **Jane Becker**, **Brenda Knaack**, and **Susan Bender** joined Lindsey at the Michigan CASA Conference.

This year's conference took place in the state capitol and also included MI CASA's first ever fundraising dinner. CASA's attended the dinner in support of this ever important program, and listened to key note speaker, Matt Sandusky, adopted son of Jerry Sandusky, speak of his childhood trauma's. He shared how he is turning that trauma into something positive for children of abuse, through his Peaceful Hearts Foundation. To learn more, visit: www.peacefulheartsfoundation.org

For the **January meeting**, we will be sharing several presentations that were offered at the conference as well as discussing current cases.

For our **February meeting**, to be held on the 21st, we are in the process of re-scheduling Lt. Dan King. Lieutenant King is with the MI State Police and TNT, he will be presenting on the current opiate and overall drug crisis in Northern Michigan.

Exciting news: Traverse City will be the host city for the 2017 Michigan CASA Conference.

November 10-11, 2017, at the Grand Traverse Resort is where I look forward to representing Grand Traverse County CASA with many of our volunteers.

If you're interested in being a part of the planning committee for this exciting event, please contact Lindsey at 922-4827.

Probate and Family Court Volunteer Services

has closed out it's 45th year of working with children and families of Grand Traverse County. The graph below depicts all of the hard work and commitment that you, the volunteers, provided to your community.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE & FAMILY COURT <i>2016 Volunteer Services Division Yearly Report</i>			
	Number of CASES/ YOUTH	Number of VOLUNTEER assignments	Number of Trips, Panels, Classes
PROBATE			
*Adult Guardian Reviews	54	54	
*Minor Guardian Reviews	15	12	
*Special Services (Accounting Assistance)		6	
FAMILY			
*CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate -for children of neglect/abuse)	49	20	20
Citizens Panel (juvenile's first offense-diversion from formal probation)	4	9	4
*Learning Partners (tutor/mentors for elementary age youth)	23	19	
New Vision Academy (summer program for juveniles on probation)	8	31	18
S.H.O.C.K. (shoplifting prevention class for 4th graders)	250	10	10
**Transporter (Transport juveniles on probation to and from detention facilities)	147	242	124
Aggression Replacement Training (anger management for youth on probation)	5	20	24
Community Service (working with juveniles on probation to complete community service hours)	19	10	29
Office Assistance/Other		5	
2016 TOTALS	574	438	229
Cases and Volunteers reflect number of matches * Some volunteers may have multiple matches ** Some youth were transported more than once			

**Thank you all for the time, dedication, and emotion
that you put into the work you do for the court.**



GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE
280 Washington St., Suite B 150, Traverse City, MI 49684



Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 2017 (no meeting)

Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 2017



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 2017

Tuesday, Feb. 21st, 2017



**There is no "I" in
Team, but we sure
are glad there is "u"
in our volunteers!**

*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless
otherwise mentioned.